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5 1. A mobile communication system supporting communication of data and comprising at least one base station connected to a switching arrangement over a connection and using a communication protocol for communication between a mobile station and the switching arrangement,

10 characterized by --
the connection between the base station and the switching arrangement supporting packet switched non-transparent communication of data transported as data frames, and means for detecting in the base station if data frames sent from the mobile station are correctly received over the air interface, means for sending only data frames detected as correctly received on to the switching arrangement using the packet switched connection between the base station and the switching arrangement.

20 2. The system of claim 1,
characterized by
the non-transparent communication of data transported as data frames being established on the uplink from the mobile station.

25 3. The system of claim 2,
characterized by
the means for detecting comprising means for calculating a frame checksum for a received data frame.

30 4. The system of claim 3,
characterized by
the quality of the radio transmission being detected in the base station to detect if a data frame is correctly received.

5. The system of claim 1,
characterized by
the switching arrangement being a Mobile Switching Center (MSC).

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6. The system of claim 1,
characterized by
the switching arrangement being a Base Station Controller (BSC),
the base station being a Base Transceiver Station (BTS), packet
10 switched communication of data being supported at least on the
uplink between the Base Transceiver Station (BTS) and the Base
Station Controller (BSC).

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the connection between the base station and the switching arrangement supporting packet switched non-transparent communication of data as data frames, means for detecting in the base station if data frames sent from the mobile station are correctly received over the air interface, and means for sending only data frames detected as correctly received on to the switching arrangement using the packet switched connection between the base station and the switching arrangement.

10 10. The system of claim 9,
characterized by
packet switched communication being supported on the downlink from
the switching arrangement to the base station.

15 11. A method of transmitting data in a mobile communication system, the method comprising the steps of:
- establishing a non-transparent data connection between a mobile station and a switching arrangement, comprising an air interface between the mobile station and a base station and a packet switched connection between the base station and the switching arrangement;
- detecting in the base station if data frames sent from the mobile station are correctly received over the air interface; and
20 - sending only data frames detected as correctly received on to the switching arrangement using the packet switched connection between the base station and the switching arrangement.

25 12. The method of claim 11,
wherein the step of detecting comprises using a frame checksum defined in the non-transparent data protocol to establish if the data frames are correctly received.

13. The method of claim 11 or 12,
further comprising the step of:

5 - performing radio quality measurements in the base station to
establish if data frames are correctly received over the air
interface from the mobile station.

14. The method of claim 12,
further comprising the step of:

10 - detecting in the base station if a received time slot from
the mobile station is symmetrical, and, only if the time
slot is symmetrical, sending data packets over the packet
switched connection to the switching arrangement.

15. The method of claim 11,
further comprising the step of:

- implementing packet switched transmission on the downlink
from the switching arrangement to the base station.

20. A method of transmitting data in a mobile communication system
supporting communication of packet data, the method comprising the
steps of:

25 - establishing a non-transparent data connection between a
mobile station and a switching arrangement, comprising an
air interface between the mobile station and a base station
and a packet switched connection between the base station
and the switching arrangement;

- detecting in the base station if data frames sent from the
mobile station are correctly received over the air
30 interface; and

- sending only data frames detected as correctly received on
to the switching arrangement using the packet switched

connection between the base station and the switching arrangement.

17. The method of claim 16,
5 wherein the step of detecting comprises using a frame checksum, defined in the non-transparent data protocol, to establish if the data frames are correctly received.

18. The method of claim 17,
10 further comprising the step of:
- implementing packet switched transmission on the downlink from the switching arrangement to the base station.